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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention **RADIALLY EXPANDABLE STENT FOR IMPLANTING IN A BODY VESSEL IN THE REGION OF A VESSEL BRANCH** the specification of which:

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(if applicable)

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section § 119, of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s):

Priority Claimed

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Priority Number	Country	Date filed (Priority Date)	Yes	No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title

35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined

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in Title 35, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a), which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that those statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

The undersigned hereby authorizes **Michael J. Striker** and the firm of **Striker, Striker & Stenby**, to accept and follow instructions from:

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as to any action to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between Michael J. Striker, the firm of Striker, Striker & Stenby, and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, Michael J. Striker and the firm of Striker, Striker & Stenby will be so notified by the undersigned.

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